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REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CORRECTED PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.322(b)

The above-identified patent issued on December 13, 2005 with numerous printing errors, and with incorrect drawings. Accordingly, the patentee filed, on January 18, 2006, a sixty-nine (69) page "Request For Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.322" to correct errors that were the fault of the Patent Office. In response, the Patent Office issued a certificate of correction on May 9, 2006 ("the May 9" certificate"), a copy of which is attached. The certificate of correction included the correct drawings and corrections to printing errors in both the specification and the claims.

The May 9th certificate introduced new errors, which were the fault of the Patent Office.

Accordingly, the patentee filed, on May 10, 2006, a request to correct errors in the May 9th.

Certificate. In response, the Patent Office issued a certificate of correction on February 13, 2007 ("the February 13th certificate"), which supersedes the May 9th certificate.

The February 13th certificate is nine pages long, including the correct (replacement) drawings. The issued patent, however, still includes the incorrect drawings (from an unrelated patent) with which the patent was originally published on December 13, 2005. Accordingly,

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although a certificate of correction has already issued, the patentee believes that the extent and

nature of the errors in the published patent are such that a certificate of correction constitutes an

inappropriate, and insufficient, way to correct the patent. For example, the continued presence of

the incorrect drawings in the issued patent may lead to confusion on the part of a party

attempting to practice the invention(s) described therein.

Accordingly, the patentee respectfully requests that U.S. Patent No. 6,976,008 be republished in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.322(b). Although no fee is believed to be due for republishing since the mistakes were the fault of the Patent Office, the Patent Office is hereby

authorized to charge any fees necessary for reprinting to deposit account 06-1050.

A new Power of Attorney, signed by the patentee, is enclosed.

The patentee's undersigned attorney can be reached at the address shown below. All telephone calls should be directed to the undersigned at 617-521-7896.

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Line 53, "or example," should read - for example, -.

Line 54, "or o a" should read -- or to a --.
Line 63, "provider, to the" should read -- provider, not the --.

Column 4,

Line 6. "make" should read -- made --.

Line 55, "providers" should read -- provides --.

Line 57, "Access network, an" should read -- Access network 3 can be a

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Line 58, "Prodigy, r a" should read - Prodigy, or a -.

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Column 6.

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Lines 7 and 14. "form" should read - from -.

Line 26, "sued" should read -- used --.

Line 39, "VISA, Mastercard" should read - VISA or Mastercard -.

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Column 7.

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Line 9, "with the third" should read - with a third -.

Line 62, "on internet" should read - an internet -.

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Column 12.

Line 23, "transaction," should read -- transaction; --.

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Line 45, "agreement; and" should read - agreement, -. Line 61, "vendor e" should read -- vendor, a --

Line 67, "agreement." should read - agreement, -.

Column 15.

Line 61, "remitted, to" should read - remitted to -.

Column 16.

Line 18, "have to" should read - have agreed to -. Line 44, "ten" should read - than -

Column 17.

Line 23, "have to" should read -- have agreed to --. Line 35, "to selling" should read - to the selling -.

Line 29, "transaction," should read -- transaction: --.

Column 19.

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Line 16, "transaction over" should read - transactions over -.

Line 57, "aiter" should read - after -.

Column 21.

Line 11, "transaction;" should read - transaction, -.

Column 22,

Line 4, "have to" should read -- have agreed to --.

Line 17, "alter" should read - after -.

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(54) INTERNET BILLING METHOD

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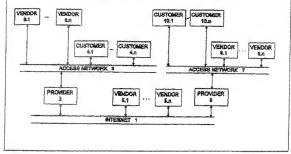
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ABSTRACT

An housest billing method comprises establishing an agreemost between an interpret access provider and a cuspomer, and an agreement between the internet access provider and a vender, wherein the internet access provider agrees with the consumer and the vendor to bill the contenter and remit to the vendor for products and services purchased over the internet by the outlooner from the vendor. The provider creates access to the internet for the customer. When the customer orders a product or service over the internet from a worder, transactional information transmitted between the contomer and the vendor is also transmitted to the provider, The provider then bills the transaction amount to the custower and sensits a portion of the transaction amount to the vendos, korning the differential as a fee for providing the service. As a result of this method, there is no need for any CUSTOMER account numbers or vandor account numbers to be transmitted over the internet, thereby maintaining the secuelty of that information.

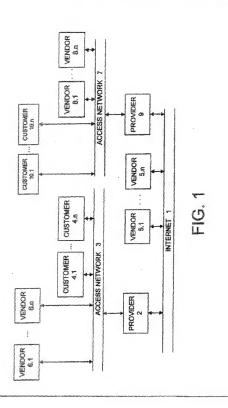
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PROVIDER OBTAINS TRANSACTIONAL INFORMATION

VENDOR DELIVERS PRODUCT OR SERVICE TO CUSTOMER 15

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PROVIDER REMITS PAYMENT TO VENDOR 17

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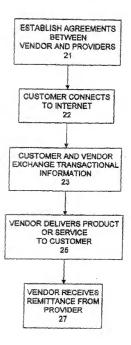


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(54) INTERNET BILLING METHOD

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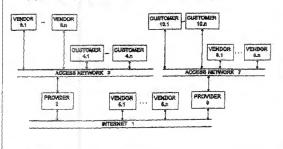
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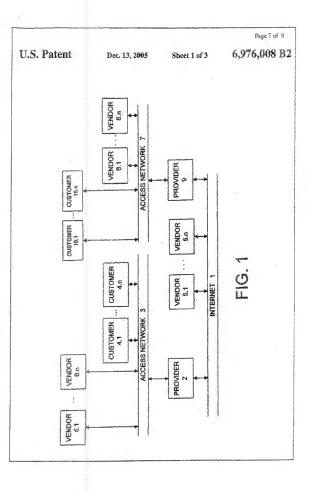
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(ST) ABSTRACT

As letternet billing mented comprises establishing to agreement between an internet access provider and a customer, and an agreement between the internet access provider and a vendor, wherein the internet access provider agrees with the commerce and the resider to bill the numbers and seems to the vendor for products and services proclassed over the interpol by the customer from the vendor. The provider creates socess to the interpret for the outstomes. When the customer orders a product or service over the internet from a vention, transactional information transmitted between the customer and the vendor is also transmitted to the provider. The provider then bills the transaction amount to the customer and semile a portion of the transaction schedul to the vendor, keeping the differential as a fee for providing the service. As a result of this muthod, there is no coul for any customer account numbers or vendor account pumbers to be transmissed over the interest, thereby maintaining the somsity of that information.

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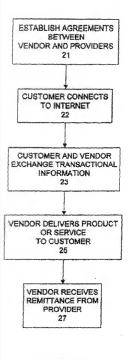


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